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HONG KONG FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY
SALISBURY FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY CLARK
E.O. 12065: GDS 6/12/87 (GLEYSTEEN, DIRK) OR-P
TAGS: UNSC, MOPS, IS, IZ
SUBJECT: UNSC DEBATE ON IRAQ: FIRST DAY - NO SURPRISES
1. (C) SUMMARY:

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3. (U) IRAQI FONMIN OPENED FORMAL DEBATE, DEVOTING MOST OF HIS SPEECH TO "DOCUMENTATION" - CITING USG DOCUMENTS AND WESTERN PRESS - OF ISRAEL'S PRESENT POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE RECALLED ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO SIGN NPT, IAEA CERTIFICATION OF IRAQI SAFEGUARDS, AND CALLED ISRAEL'S SELF-DEFENSE ARGUMENT UNFOUNDED IN FACT AND IN LAW. HAMMADI SAID THAT PARTICULARLY BECAUSE BEGIN HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL LAUNCH NEW ATTACK IF NECESSARY, UNSC MUST IMPOSE CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AND DEMAND ISRAEL SUBMIT TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS.
4. (U) IN RESPONSE, ISRAELI AMB BLUM CALLED ATTACK ELEMENTARY ACT OF SELF-PRESERVATION, JUSTIFIABLE LEGALLY AND MORALLY. HE CITED ART 51 OF THE CHARTER (SELF-DEFENSE) AND NOTED ISRAEL HAD NOT ACTED UNTIL DIPLOMATIC MEANS WERE EXHAUSTED AND FACILITY WAS ABOUT TO "GO HOT." HE STRONGLY ADVOCATED MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR FREE ZONE, TO BE NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY BETWEEN ISRAEL AND AREA STATES. BLUM RECALLED IRAQ REFUSED 1949 ARMISTICE AND HAS CONSPIRED SINCE TO DESTROY ISRAEL. HE CITED BEIRUT MAGAZINE REPORT OF 1975 QUOTING IRAQI PRESIDENT AS SAYING IRAQ WAS ENGAGED IN FIRST ARAB ATTEMPT AT NUCLEAR ARMAMENT. BLUM "CATEGORICALLY DENIED" IRAQI ALLEGATION THAT PREVIOUS AIR STRIKE ON INSTALLATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY ISRAEL.
5. (U) FINAL SPEECHES BY TUNISIAN FONMIN AND ALGERIAN, SUDANESE, AND JORDANIAN PERMREPS WERE ALONG EXPECTED LINES. ONLY TUNISIA FAILED TO ADVOCATE SANCTIONS.
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